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News of Our Boys

Pte. Lawrence Mikkelson arrived home Wednesday morning from Camp Borden for a two weeks leave.

Sgt. Dave Bacon, after receiving his commission as wireless air gunner, arrived home for a visit before proceeding to Winnipeg where he will act as instructor.

Irma and former Irma boys who were wounded in Sicily are: Pte. Frederick Berrett, of Hardisty; Lieut. Max Savelle, of Hardisty; and Sgt. Elbert Dewey Levitt, of Provost.

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NEARLY 90,000 CAR LICENSES ARE ISSUED

Despite the restrictions called for by wartime conditions, the total of passenger car licenses in Alberta is nearing the 90,000 mark, according to the provincial secretary's department.

Some days ago the total was well over 89,000 and this is expected to show a substantial increase before the end of the present year. In the 1942-43 license year that ended March 31, last, there were 93,125 licensed passenger cars in the province.

The number of licenses obviously has been affected by federal regulations curtailing the amount of gasoline available for passenger cars in "AA" category to 120 gallons per year and also the restrictions on tires.

Nevertheless there has been a good volume of holiday travel for short trips, while officials in national parks in the province report that a large number of motor visitors have been registered.

A record membership is expected this year by the Alberta Motor Association, which is giving special attention to the needs of motorists under emergency conditions.

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TEMPERANCE CONVENTION

On August 17 in the United church, Vermilion, there was held a regional convention of the Temperance Forces of this district. Six people attended from here, three from Irma and three from Coal Springs district.

There were two meetings at Vermilion, one in the afternoon and the other in the evening. In the afternoon officers were appointed for the whole Vermilion regional district and for each municipal district in this region. The committee for Irma is: I. S. Reeds, convenor, and Ralph Erickson, secretary.

In the evening the Rev. Ben Spence was the chief speaker. He stressed especially the urgency for action at the present time. The dominion government, in the interests of the war effort, was intervening to curtail the liquor traffic. Temperance people must now organize and bring pressure on the government to see that present restricted sales of liquor continue after the war. Liquor is sabotaging the war effort. It will sabotage the peace, too, unless we temperance folk organize and fight.

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GREEN WEED SEEDS IN WHEAT

With the prospect of storage of large quantities of wheat on the farm this year, it is important that such grain be in good condition before being put in the bin. Although the wheat itself may be hard and dry, an excess of green weed seeds may cause heating and add still further to the problem of storage.

Green weed seeds in wheat threshed by combine are apt to be a source of trouble. If the combine will not take out the weed seeds the grain may have to be fanned before storage, or the crop swathed and allowed to dry before being picked up and threshed. Any foreign matter likely to cause heating should be removed.

A little attention given to the condition of the grain at the time of storage will save a great deal of work and worry later.

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Rub bacon fat over the skins of potatoes before they are put into the oven to bake. Then the skins will not crumble or break and will have a delicious flavor.

Crop Report

BANK OF MONTREAL CROP REPORT No. 10

In the prairie provinces light to heavy rains over many districts during the past week have benefited late-sown crops and warmer weather is now required to hasten ripening. Cutting of oats and barley is becoming general. Fairly good yields are expected where moisture conditions have been satisfactory, but in the dry areas of Saskatchewan and Alberta, yields, although of generally good quality, will be light. Stem rust is prevalent on oats and has appeared on barley in Manitoba. Sawfly damage is reported in parts of Saskatchewan and Alberta. Sugar beets are making good progress. In the province of Quebec, grain is making satisfactory progress, although some damage from excessive moisture is reported; cutting has commenced and average yields are indicated. Rain has continued to delay harvesting of a heavy crop of hay, and quality has been affected in many districts. Pastures are in very good condition. Canning crops are well below average. Roots are doing well. The tobacco crop will be considerably below normal, owing to damage from rain and cold weather. Apples promise an average yield. Warm, dry weather is needed. In Ontario, continued intermittent rains have retarded harvesting, which is about two weeks later than normal in most areas. Indicated returns for fall wheat and spring grains are considerably below average. Corn, roots and tobacco continue to make good progress generally. Grapes and early apples are promising, but less than average yields are forecast for most other tree fruits. In the maritime provinces harvesting operations have been delayed by adverse weather. Digging of early potatoes is under way; other roots are doing well. Grains are well headed and prospects for the apple crop are good. In British Columbia, favorable weather conditions for crop development have continued during the past week. Apples are sizing normally. Picking of early varieties of pears and plums has commenced. Root crops are doing well.

ALBERTA — Except in the southern districts, general rains have been beneficial but in the northern areas, where stands are heavy and crops late, warmer weather is required to hasten filling and ripening. Harvesting has commenced in the southern sections, although operations will not be general until next week. Considerable sawfly damage is reported at some points. Rains have improved pastures.

SASKATCHEWAN — Light to heavy rains have occurred in many districts, and have benefited late-sown crops. Warmer weather is now required to hasten ripening. Cutting of early-sown coarse grains has commenced. In the dry parts of the south-western, west-central and north-western districts yields will be light, but will be generally fairly satisfactory elsewhere. Some sawfly damage is reported in southern and central districts. Weeds and rust will reduce flax yields. There have been further scattered hail losses. Pastures have improved from recent rains.

MANITOBA — Wheat is nearing maturity in some districts, but warmer weather generally is required to hasten ripening. Good yields are in prospect in most areas. A few early-sown fields of wheat have been cut. Cutting of oats and barley is becoming general. Stem rust is prevalent on oats and has appeared on barley. The sugar beet crop is progressing satisfactorily. Pastures are in good condition.

BINGO and DANCE

The Irma Victory Cigarette Club will sponsor a Bingo and Dance in Kiefer's Hall, Wednesday, September 1. Bingo from 8:30 till 10:30. Good music and lunch.

F.D.R. and Athlone Meet in Quebec City



Quebec—President Franklin Roosevelt and the Earl of Athlone, Canada's Governor General, sat side by side on the terrace of the Vice-Regal summer residence in Quebec city while newsreel and newspaper cameramen photographed them.

National Film Board Photo.

World of Wheat

by H. G. L. Strange
Director of the Searle Grain Co.

The Future of Wheat Acreage

As the war draws to a close there will be more and more discussion about the acreage that Canada should maintain in wheat compared to the acreage similarly maintained in wheat by other wheat-exporting countries. It might be well, therefore, to examine the situation in all these countries.

I find that since the year 1939, the start of this war, Canada has reduced her wheat acreage by 35 per cent; Australia by 32 per cent; the United States by 15 per cent only, and that the Argentine has actually increased her wheat acreage by 1 per cent. In addition to this the United States has added to the wheat growers to expand their acreage this year.

It seems then that Canada has reduced her wheat acreage by a larger percentage than any other exporting country, and this in spite of the fact that the farmers of our prairie depend more upon wheat as a means of making a living than do the farmers of the other countries mentioned above, for the farmers in these other countries have other important products besides wheat which they can sell readily on world markets after the war.

It is to be hoped, therefore, that when the time comes for expanding wheat acreage that the considerable reduction Canada has made during the war years will not be lost sight of.

HOW TO EXAMINE FARM LAND SOIL

In evaluating a farm property and in estimating the chances of making a satisfactory living from it, the nature of the soil, among many other things, must be given serious consideration, state P. C. Stobbe and A. Leahy, Field Husbandry division, Dominion Experimental farms service, in the Farmers' Bulletin No. 117, "Guide for the Selection of Agricultural Soils." The first essential of success in farming is to have a fertile soil that is adapted to the crops which are to be grown on it. However, in addition to productivity, other factors relating to the soil, such as the cost of tillage and other management operations must be kept in mind. In order to help farmers, the main features that should be observed in examining farm land are explained in the bulletin, covering in detail the examination itself, discussion of the eleven soil zones of the dominion, the various soils, local conditions to be observed, depth, color, texture, structure, together with a diagram key to soil classes and soil maps of eastern Canada and the prairie provinces. A copy of the bulletin may be obtained by writing to the Publicity and Extension Division, Dominion Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

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If a recipe calls for sour milk and none is available, add two tablespoons of vinegar for each cup of sweet milk required. Let stand three minutes and the milk will be sour.

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ROPER SPEAKS ON C.C.F. POLICIES

CCF POLICY OUTLINED BY PROVINCIAL LEADER

A large and attentive audience gathered in the I.O.O.F. hall, in Wainwright, on Friday last, to hear Mr. Elmer E. Roper, M.L.A., provincial leader of the C.C.F., outline the political and economic philosophy of that party as it would apply in provincial and federal affairs. Mr. Stillwell, president of the Wainwright local of the C.C.F., was chairman of the meeting.

In his address Mr. Roper reviewed the last session of the provincial legislature indicating with suggestive criticisms where C.C.F. principles would have dictated a different course of action from that pursued by the present government. The speaker dealt in considerable detail with the fact that private interests are being allowed to reap large profits from Alberta's natural resources, such as Turner alloy oil, when the benefits accruing from the exploitation of these resources should return to the people of the province. Mr. Roper condemned roundly the government's waste of taxpayers' money in continuing its treacherous branches.

Turning to federal affairs, Mr. Roper explained in detail how a C.C.F. government in power at Ottawa would gradually take over control of those industries and institutions in which a few men through the control and manipulation of the means of production are in a position to exploit the people of Canada for their own profit and with a consequent lowering of the standard of living of the people as a whole. By way of dispelling some of the confusion created during the recent election campaign in Ontario, Mr. Roper showed carefully that there has been no inconsistency in the C.C.F.'s position with regard to the socialization of land. The speaker pointed out that it is the intention of his party to restore property to the mass of the people, not take it away from them.

Turning to the question of the period of threatening unemployment which we are warned will follow the war, Mr. Roper argued the defensibility of the simple statement that the cure for unemployment is employment. Taking present war-time production as his analogy, the speaker showed how the producing of basic necessities of peace could, under intelligent planning, take the place of the planned production of war materials. In this connection Mr. Roper outlined the part that would be played by the nationalized banking system. "Whatever is physically possible is financially possible," was his contention.

In his closing remarks, Mr. Roper claimed that the C.C.F. must be a political movement growing from the people. Their elected representatives must be delegates doing the expressed bidding of the people. The application of democratic principles in the selection of these representatives must begin with the nominating conventions, the speaker claimed. Choices must come from below, not from someone above.

Mr. Henry Spence opened the meeting with a short address on C.C.F. policy with regard to education and health.

Mr. Roper was introduced by Mr. M. D. Meade, of Wainwright.

The remission by the Alberta government of the succession duties of the estate of the late Wm. Aberhart, has occasioned considerable criticism in the press and letters to the editor columns in the dailies. The amount remitted was in excess of \$2700.00. The estate totalled over \$50,000.00, and as the Edmonton Journal states, "the remittance was not needed on compassionate grounds, nor was it a case of dire need as far as the estate was concerned." According to a pamphlet issued by the Democratic Monetary Reform League of which the late premier was the head, "money is nothing but figures in a bank's ledger" so what difference should it make to the estate if a few figures were lopped off. Evidently it makes a difference in whose book the figures are.

Kinsella

A very successful tea was held at Kinsella United church on Saturday, August 21, in aid of the Jam for Britain Fund. This tea was sponsored by the Women's Institute, and \$22.25 was realized. The Kinsella folks are very pleased to welcome John Mullican home again after his long stay in the hospital.

Mr. Chas. McAdams is leaving this week for a vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Witton and their son, Mark, arrived at Kinsella on the flyer Monday, Aug. 16, from the coast, and are guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. Mark, Mrs. Witton's parents.

Frank Zelinski, of the RCAF, was home on leave last week-end.

Miss Belle Arkinstall and Mrs. Jack Corbett and her daughter, Valerie, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Arkinstall.

Mrs. Leroy Grainger and baby daughter are visiting her husband's people at Galahad.

Word has been received from the U.S. of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. L. Lowry. Mrs. Lowry was the former Miss Thelma Miller of Kinsella.

RADIOGRAMS
by Jim Allard

Now that summer is nearly over everyone is beginning to wonder about our old friends who have been off the air for the summer.

Jack Benny, who spent his summer putting on shows for the boys in the services all over the United States will continue with this very fine work for another month, and will be back on CJCA at the usual time of 5:00-5:30 after October 3.

Everyone's friends from Wistful Vista, Fibber and Molly McGee, will be returning to CJCA before very long, but as yet we are unable to give you the exact date, however, their replacement show, John Nesbitt's Passing Parade, is very worthy of your listening time. We'll be seeing you at Wistful Vista in the fall.

Have you ever heard of anyone living for 500 years? You will if you listen to this week's offering of the "Weird Circle." It is Bulwer-Lytton's famous tale, "The House and the Brain," the fantastic story of a man who was able to lengthen the span of his own life 500 years, and wield his malignant powers to call back the dead from a world beyond. This outstanding series of mystery classics entitled the "Weird Circle," is heard over this station every Wednesday night at 9:30-10:00 p.m.

Edward George Bulwer-Lytton, the author of this week's story, is a famous English novelist and highly versatile writer renowned for his stories of the supernatural, of which "The House and the Brain" is one of the best known.

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Youth And The War

PUBLIC ATTENTION HAS frequently been drawn to the important part played by youth in the present war. The lightning pace of modern warfare appears to demand the strength and alertness of young men, and they are responding splendidly to the demands which are made on them at this time. Precedent has been broken many times recently by the appointment of men under twenty-five to posts as high ranking officers, and Canada and all the United Nations have already honored veterans and heroes of this war who are only twenty or twenty-one years of age. Youthful fliers who took part in the Battle of Britain turned the course of the war in 1940, and they have fought ever since for the air supremacy which has made possible the present great Allied offensive. Many of our young soldiers, seamen and airmen have lost their lives, others are disabled for life, and some are spending the long months of the war in enemy prison camps. They are giving their service with a bravery and determination which would in normal times be considered beyond their years and they deserve credit and honor for their deeds.

Free Education For Army Men

There is full realization here of the contribution which the young men of Canada are making towards the winning of the war, and our post-war reconstruction plans include provision for returned service men to complete their interrupted educations or to receive special vocational training. At present much is being done to provide facilities for those in the services to improve their educations and there is also provision for young men in the army between the ages of seventeen and twenty-two to enter universities for courses in mathematics, physics and engineering. Eleven Canadian universities are participating in this plan, under which free tuition, board and room, text books and medical care are provided. Students benefitting by it must have the required qualifications for entering a university, and they must take military training. On completing their studies they are immediately eligible for officer training. There is also provision that should their courses be interrupted at this time, full credit for the work they have done will be given to them after the war.

Advantages Of Plan Are Many

It is believed that while there are many who will be unable to take advantage of this opportunity because of the standard of education required and the age limits, there are a number of young men in the Canadian army who will benefit by it. The advantage of the arrangement to those who are able to take part in it will be many. It is well known that in the past, and especially during the depression period, many young men of ability were prevented from securing a university education because of the lack of necessary funds. The generous terms of this new plan will give the students a splendid opportunity to complete their studies free of financial worries, and it will give them a foundation on which to re-establish themselves after the war. It is felt that this may be just the beginning of an effort to provide the young men of the fighting services with tangible evidence that their worth to their country is fully realized and appreciated.



HEALTH LEAGUE OF CANADA CHEESE AS A MEAT SUBSTITUTE

These days you should use more cheese to replace the meat in your menus as it is a concentrated food, highly nutritious and stores well. On the market you will find Cheddar and cheddar cheese, sometimes called Canadian cheese, and those ripened by molds and bacteria. Canada.

Today we will consider the cheddar cheese only as it is the least expensive and used most in cheese cooking. You can buy new, medium and old, depending on what flavour you desire. The nutritive value is the same for each, the cost increases with the age of the cheese due to the cost of storage.

Likewise cheese is an almost perfect food furnishing protein in an excellent form, important building materials, calcium and phosphorus, vitamin A and the vitamin B complex. It also has a high fat content giving it a high energy value, one inch cube of cheddar cheese gives 100 calories.

When you are using the cheese just as a flavour or appetizer you should use the old cheddar as it has the strongest flavour. In your main dishes when you want the cheese to provide the energy and efficient protein you will need larger amounts of the cheese and so you will find the new cheese most economical.

Cheese is eaten and completely digested if properly cooked or combined with other foods. It is a concentrated food rich in fat and protein, so it should be grated or used in combination with high carbohydrate foods. Cheese is slowly digested because of this high fat content and as a result is often erroneously believed to be indigestible. When cooking cheese you should be careful not to overcook it as it becomes tough and rubbery and a result is hard to digest. When properly cooked it has a spongey texture.

Store your cheese in a cool place and cover to prevent loss of moisture.

Try this recipe on a day when you are not serving meat.

CORN AND CHEESE CASSEROLE

1 cup canned corn 1 tablespoon melted fat
1 cup bread or cracker crumbs 1 teaspoon Worcester sauce
1 cup grated cheese 2 tablespoons chopped green
1/2 teaspoon pepper (optional)
2 cups scalded milk 2 eggs

Combine all ingredients except eggs and milk. Beat egg yolks and add with milk. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Place in a greased baking dish and oven-brown in a moderate oven (350 degrees F.) until set—about 40 minutes. Serves 4 to 6.

For further cheese dishes write to the Western Division Health League of Canada, 111 Avenue Road, Toronto, Ontario.

COWBOYS USE PLANES

There's a new twist to the old western roundup—sky cowboys. Airplanes are being used to round up wild horses in a campaign supervised by the United States grazing service to rid southwestern Wyoming sheep and cattle ranges of the mustangs.

It is estimated that Canada will need 477,000,000 bushels of oats to meet export and domestic demand in 1943-44.

Soil Composition Important Work Accomplished By Agricultural Chemists

To the casual passer-by the soil of any farm may appear uniform but under the careful investigation of the soil scientists startling differences may soon become apparent. There may be mineral deficiencies, some soils may be more efficient for growing certain crops than others, and again some soils may be of little use to the farmer unless they are treated with the proper amount of the necessary fertilizers. One of the aims of the agricultural scientist is to make the most efficient use of the soil by determining the treatments necessary to get the most production.

Most Canadian soils require large amounts of phosphoric acid, and where this is added in the form of super-phosphate much of it becomes tied up in such a way that plants cannot use it. This is called phosphate fixation. The study of how to improve the utilization of the phosphoric acid of superphosphates has been one phase of the work of particular importance to Canadian agriculture carried out by the Chemistry Division, Science Service, Dominion Department of Agriculture. Under present war conditions, the study is of special importance, because the supply of superphosphates is limited, chiefly on account of the restricted amount of sulphuric acid necessary in its manufacture.

An investigation on the sources of phosphoric acid as a fertilizer is also another of the main objects of the Division. Basic slag (a by-product in the manufacture of steel) has received particular attention. Chemical tests have indicated that, as a result of a change in processing much more of the phosphoric acid of the slag becomes available, and the Division is now undertaking studies to determine the fertilizing value of this modified product. In view of the fact that the annual production of slag at Sydney, N.S., is expected to be about 125,000 tons, and also that there is a need for larger quantities of phosphate fertilizers in Canada, the employment of the open hearth slag would be an important aid to increased production, if it can be shown that it is a useful source of phosphorus for plants.

In addition to studies in connection with soils and fertilizers, the work of the Division of Chemistry includes investigations on animal nutrition, plant chemistry and foods. Chemical analyses are also made for projects conducted by other Divisions of Science Service and the Experimental Farm Service and analyses are made in connection with the administration of the Meat and Canned Foods Act and the Maple Sugar Industry Act. The main laboratories of the Division are situated at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, and regional laboratories are maintained at the Dominion Experimental Stations at Kentville, N.S., and Summerside, B.C.

American Bases

Reported British Government Will Compensate Property Owners

The U.S. state department has announced that the British government has offered to assume the cost of compensating owners of private property involved in the establishment of American bases on western hemisphere sites acquired from Britain in the destroyers-for-bases deal.

In the original agreement, providing for the transfer of 50 destroyers to Britain in return for 99-year leases on bases in Newfoundland, Bermuda, the Bahamas, Jamaica, Antigua, St. Lucia, Trinidad and British Guiana, the United States undertook to compensate owners of private property for loss.

In taking over the cost of compensating private owners, the British government assumed the burden of paying for properties appraised at approximately \$5,500,000.

FOR BEST RESULTS



Naval Board



Acting Paymaster Commander Joseph Jeffery, R.C.N.V.R., of London, Ont., has been appointed secretary of the naval board. Commander Jeffery succeeds Captain R. A. Pennington, R.C.N.V.R., who has been assigned to duties with the Royal Canadian Navy in London, Eng.

New Anson Bombers

Owes Many Improvements To Canadian Aircraft Engineers

There is plenty of skill and inventive ingenuity in Canada's aircraft industry.

Canada's new Anson bombers, the basically English bomber-trainer which has been re-designed for typically Canadian jobs and conditions, owes most of its changes and improvements to Canadian aircraft engineers.

An example is the windscreens on the new Anson V, designed by the engineering staff of the Canadian Car and Foundry engineering department at Amherst, N.S. The new windscreens are one of the plane's major improvements, according to aeronautical engineers.

After a Canadian Car engineer designed the screen last fall, he went to Montreal for the fitting of it to the plastic demonstration fuselage that was used at that time in planning production of the new navigational trainer. There he watched the exacting tests which led to its acceptance.

The first model was made by hand in the Amherst plant with George Henderson supervising the jig and basic structure and Cecil Stiles in charge of assembling.

The new screen is so simple to manufacture that the time saving over the old screen has been estimated at 75 per cent.

Scientific Studies

Clearing House For Information To Be Established

A committee of scientists, representing the English-speaking countries, to act as clearing house for information and reports, is expected to be named soon by the governments concerned, it was announced at Washington by Sir John Anderson, member of the British war cabinet, who is responsible for scientific wartime research in Britain.

In time, he said, other countries may be invited to name representatives on the international committee and he expressed the hope it would continue its functions in the post-war period, uniting scientific studies and research efforts in peace as they are in war.

The idea of the committee was advanced by the Royal Society in London and the British government has passed along the suggestion to the governments concerned.

Sir John, who will go from Washington to Ottawa, came to North America to further scientific collaboration among Britain, the United States and Canada. He said remarkable strides have been made in this direction and with Russia as well.

Found The Trouble

Had A Bullet In His Head And Didn't Know It

Abrraham Friedman, 48, of Montreal, went to see a doctor after an injury sustained almost three weeks before had failed to heal—and a .22 calibre bullet was removed from his forehead.

Friedman told Detective Sgt. Bonner that he was walking along St. Lawrence near St. Catherine street in the central section of Montreal late on the night of July 17, when he felt something strike him on the head. The resulting bruise over his eyes did not respond to home treatment and eventually became painful.

Friedman went to see Dr. Benjamin Kolber who discovered and removed the bullet.

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They were sent to a Canadian general hospital in Sicily.

Maj. J. K. Bell of Sarnia, Ont., deputy assistant director of medical services, said: "It is pure supposition as to the source or reason of these stores being in enemy hands in Sicily, but there are two logical conjectures. The supplies may have belonged to prisoners of war or to suffering people of the occupied countries such as Greece and transferred to Sicily."

SMILE AWHILE

"Is old Angus a typical Scotsman?"

"Is he? He's saved all his toys for his second childhood!"

Bill—Did any one in your family ever make a brilliant marriage?

Arthur—Only my wife.

Daughter—Daddy, dear, what is your birthday?

Daddy—I think it must be a grindstone.

"My son wants to be a racing motorist. What shall I do?"

"I wouldn't stand in his way."

He—Isn't there anything I can do to stop you from giving me the cold shoulder?

She—Sure, drap a sable wrap over it.

Daughter—Mother, I wish you would stop bossing Daddy around.

Mother—What's the matter now?

Daughter—Well, every time I get some nice boy interested in me he grows serious and asks me if I take after you.

He—Sure, drap a sable wrap over it.

Jagwell—What makes that hen in your backyard cackle so loud?

Wigway—Oh, they've just laid a cornerstone across the street, and she's trying to make the neighbors think she did it.

Then there's the story about the woman who, when she got on the street car with 10 children, was asked by the friendly motorman if they were all her children or if it was a picnic.

"Yes," she snapped, "they're all mine, and it's no picnic."

Tommy was wandering home much later than his usual bedtime. A friend of the family who happened to meet him said:

"Why, Tommy, aren't you afraid you will be late for supper?"

"Nope," replied Tommy, "I've got the meat."

One red rose met another red rose and said: "My, but you have been blooming a long time."

The other red rose replied: "Yes, and so have you. We're just a pair of long, red bloomers."

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National Library

An Institution Which Would Be Worthy Of Canada

In Ottawa the Parliamentary Library has grown until it is ready to burst its seams, and for want of room research is hindered. Books and documents which should be quickly available have to be sought for behind the others.

The joint committee of the library of Parliament does well therefore to recommend the establishment of a national library, out of the 350,000 volumes now existing. It should be an institution worthy of Canada, her past achievements, her present status and her future greatness.

As patriots, our Parliament should have no hesitation in proceeding with this project on a scale commensurate with our national aspirations and our visions of the future.—Hamilton Spectator.

GEMS OF THOUGHT

SILENCE: ITS VIRTUE

Silence never shows itself to so great an advantage as when it is made the reply to calumny and defamation.—Addison.

There is an eloquent silence: it serves sometimes to approve, sometimes to condemn; there is a mocking silence; there is a respectful silence.—La Rochefoucauld.

Silence is the safest respondent for all the contradiction that arises from impertinence, vulgarity, or envy.—Zimmermann.

No reproof is so potent as the silent lesson of a good example.—Mary Baker Eddy.

Silence is the element in which great things fashion themselves together; that at length they may emerge, full-formed and majestic, into the delights of life, which they are henceforth to rule.—Carlyle.

He knows not how to speak who cannot be silent; still less how to act with vigor and decision. Who hastens to the end is silent; loudness is impotence.—Lavater.

GROW ON VINE

Norman Stewart, farmer at Redickville, Ont., has a potato plant which has taken to sprouting the vegetable on the stalk. There are more than 30 potatoes on the one vine.

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LOCALS

Mrs. Chandler of Ribstone visited her friend, Mrs. Axel Peterson, a few days last week.

Miss Annie Anderson of Prince Rupert visited friends and relatives last week.

Geo. Dawson who used to live in the Strawberry Plains district moved to Irma from Lacombe where he is now farming. His niece, Joyce Dawson, who has been visiting, returned with him. Geo. reports crops good. He returned on Monday.

Mrs. Savage arrived home from the coast Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Simmermon and family arrived home from Clear Lake Monday morning.

The Irma Victory Cigarette Club is putting on a bingo and dance in Keifer's hall, September 1. Bingo from 8:30 to 10:30.

J. Jackson left on Monday evening to attend a meeting of the board of directors of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, called for Tuesday, August 24, at Calgary. Mr. Jackson represents the A.F.U. on the board.

The September meeting of the Irma W.I. will be held Thursday, September 1, at the home of Mrs. Hlynka. Roll call will be answered by: My favorite hobby. Hostesses, Mrs. Pryce Jones and Mrs. J. Fletcher. Raffle to be donated by Mrs. McMillan.

Province Before Party

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INDEPENDENTS ORGANIZE

At a recent meeting of the Independent Association of Alberta, officers were elected to carry on until the next provincial convention is held. J. Percy Page, M.L.A., Edmonton, was made chairman, with James Walker, M.L.A., Raymond, as vice-chairman, and Mayor Andrew Dawson, M.L.A., Calgary, as secretary-treasurer.

The province was divided in two for the executive committee, with southern Alberta representatives as follows: Roy Edmanson, Calgary; Ernest Benson, Picture Butte; Mathew H. Waldron, Okotoks; A. Davison, M.L.A., Calgary; E. J. Chambers, K.C., Calgary; J. J. Bowlen, M.L.A., Calgary, and James Walker, M.L.A., Raymond.

The northern Alberta division of the executive consists of the following: W. K. Porter, Edmonton; Geo. MacLachlan, M.L.A., Clyde; H. J. MacDonald, M.L.A., Edmonton; James Bentley, Horse Hills; Percy Herring, Edmonton; E. J. Martin, M.L.A., Fairview; W. N. Chant, Camrose.

Arrangements were made to set up a council of 114 members consisting of two from each of the provincial constituencies and ten from each of the Cities of Edmonton and Calgary which have five member representatives. In addition to which will be the Independent Members of the House and all defeated Independents as ex-officio members. The executive is also setting up working committees on program, publicity, finance and organization. It is planned that the provincial convention will be held some time in November.

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FIFTH VICTORY LOAN CAMPAIGN IS SIMMERING

It seems a pity at the end of August to remind ourselves that the month of October will bring with it sharp, cool winds and another Victory Loan campaign. But just as shrewd householders are taking steps now to have October fuel on hand, the National War Finance Committee is already taking steps to insure the success of another big financial appeal to the Canadian public.

The date of the opening of the Loan has not been fixed as yet, but in all probability it will be in the latter part of October.

Notwithstanding this, the machinery which carries the loan along is now in motion.

The essential characteristic of the next Victory Loan campaign theme will arise from the degree of success attending the military efforts of the allied nations between now and October, and under that assumption the officials are all working under the theme which suggests once again that the purchase of Victory Bonds is one way for the individual Canadian to do his part in speeding Victory and bringing back our men in uniform at the earliest possible moment.

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STATE MEDICINE

By R. J. Deachman
State medicine has been much discussed and there is something to be said for it, in so far as it deals with preventive medicine.

There is, however, a good deal of misunderstanding in regard to the means of payment for the services so many seek.

If this proposal were put forward as an insurance plan, in which the premiums were paid by those who received or expected to receive the benefits, it would be voted down, it would not be acceptable. Those who seek it expect others to pay the costs.

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ation, that is it would be paid out of provincial or national revenues. The balance would be paid by contributions from employees, employers and assessed contributors.

It is now contended that it should all be taken from the public treasury. This will involve a certain amount of unfairness. The government would impose taxes to meet the bill. Taxes raise the price of goods, the cost of living will rise. When the cost of living rises, the wage rate increases. We have made provision for that with a cost of living bonus. The result will be that those who receive the cost of living bonus will get the benefits of health insurance without paying for it. The farmers will pay in taxation also in the price of goods for, when some dodge a payment, others pay.

There is at present a tendency to become unduly alarmed about the health of the Canadian people. As a nation, we are fairly healthy. The problem, as it stands, is largely an educational one. The more intelligent the people, the higher are the health standards of the nation. Poverty may be a detriment—ignorance is a greater one.

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CURTAILING WEED SEED DISTRIBUTION

Prevention of the spread of weeds by farm machinery or live stock will require special attention during the next few weeks.

Since weed seeds can be very readily spread by machinery from field to field, and farm to farm, special care should be taken with the cleaning of all harvesting and threshing machinery and equipment before moving. Where combines are used seed sacks should be secured in tightly woven sacks in which they may be taken from the field and buried. All screening accumulations at each setting of the threshing machine must be burned.

If live stock are turned into stubble before weed seeds are burned, the unnecessary spread of weeds will result. Even when this precaution is taken, considerable weeds of all kinds will be consumed and distributed by the stock. It is advisable, therefore, to limit the range of live stock on stubble in the fall as much as possible, so that seed weeds may not be carried to fields other than those on which they were produced.

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LAY IN GREEN FEED FOR POULTRY NOW

Because egg production is a vital war effort, hens should be kept in first-class condition all the year round. To do this, a certain amount of green food in the ration is of great importance, with emphasis on providing green stuff during the winter months. The Poultry Services, Dominion Department of Agriculture, call attention to this fact and point out that now is the time to lay in a supply of clover and alfalfa for the coming winter.

Short cut, second or third crop clover and alfalfa are valuable winter feeds for poultry, affording as they do an economical source of necessary vitamins and proteins. The clover and alfalfa may be fed by the forkful, or cut short in a cutting box, soaked over night in cold water and fed twice a day. For the purpose of green feed for poultry, clover and alfalfa should be cut when coming into flower, or sooner, and dried as quickly as possible without undue exposure to the weather. A good practice is to raise the cut clover into windrows as soon as it is properly dry, and then put quickly into coils. When properly cured and stored, it comes out green and appetizing.

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WANT ADS

FOR SALE—Or trade for cattle, small fruit farm Kootenay Valley, B.C. See J. H. Archibald, Irma, Alta. 6-27

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The recent election in Ontario in which the C.C.F. won 34 seats where holding none previously, is the greatest advance since the C.C.F. was formed 11 years ago. It shows that the common people have at last decided to take a hand in looking after their own affairs. This is emphasized by the still more recent elections in which the prevailing government failed to elect a single seat.

Orthodox politicians are studying the heavens for the answer and all they see is little to their liking. The letters C.C.F. shine brightly and illuminate their path to power, which means retirement of the old line parties and their policy of looking after the big financial interests.

The lack of planning shown in handling the labor and farm situation is very disagreeable to the people of whole country and is being reflected in the place it can be heard the loudest, "at the polls."

Meanwhile in the C.C.F. camp all is smiles while printing presses are working overtime and kept hot turning out membership cards. What about you? Don't you join the crowd and help make their platform and policies, and plan for the future?

The Irma C.C.F. Club, W. Sanders, Sec.-Treas.

Water spots can often be removed from polished furniture by rubbing lightly with turpentine applied on a soft cloth. Wipe dry and re-wax.

Amendments to the Unemployment Insurance Act

Notice to Interested Employers and Employees

AT ITS 1943 Session, the Parliament of Canada amended the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1940. The effect of these amendments is to require that additional workers be covered under unemployment insurance.

And after September 1st, 1943, employers must make contributions in respect of the following employees:

(1) ALL PERSONS engaged in employment hitherto insurable, regardless of the amount of earnings, who may be paid on an hourly rate, on a daily rate, on a weekly rate, or a piece rate (including a mileage rate).

(2) ALL EMPLOYEES paid on a monthly or annual salary basis, whose salary, including any cost of living bonus which may be received, does not exceed \$2,400 a year.

All employees, as above described, must pay their contributions as required by law.

The combined contribution for each employee earning \$26 or more a week will be in Class 7—63c a week.

To Employers: Obtain unemployment insurance books from the nearest local office of the Unemployment Insurance Commission as soon as possible, for employees above described who will become insurable on September 1st, 1943.

To Employees: It is in your interest to see that your employer makes contributions on your behalf from September 1st, 1943, if you become insurable through this Amendment.

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